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A HUMAN LIFE.

A ship that throbs along in dire distress Till lost in oceans of forgetfulness A tangle of sweet flowers, whose petals

To ash of unfulfillment in an urn.

A wisp of tangled threads, whose parted

No deft hand joins, no endless effort mends.

A play whose fickle players merely greet And go and leave the story incomplete.

A bud that opens brilliant at the dawn, Flings sweet perfume a moment and is

A breath between a cradle and a bier. The blending of a smile, a sob, a tear.

A book whose pages turn with each new

Till time has read the tale and cast away. A mask worn till a passing play is done. To cloak a wraith and hide a skeleton.

A lie, whose ghostly semblance is concealed Till in a shroud its untruth lies revealed. A thing that shapes the sod for a brief day And dies and leaves its faithful slave mere

A story that is told ere 'tis begun A song that only whispers and is done.

A thing that chains the lightnings and that

The deep-the elements its messengers. Lord of the sea and sky, a ruler proud That quakes at storms and trembles at a

That comes and goes on wings unseen-That grows to fill a grave and feed a worm. -James Foley, Jr., in Bismarck Tribune.

Dobley's Secret Society

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He Is "High Wielder or the Sledge" at the Hammer Jub.

that made his wife forget to look at the clock and sigh as she usually did when she had waited over long for his coming. As he removed his coat she noticed with some amazement that his coat and waistcoat were wrong side out and that various signs resembling the printing on a Chinese laundry ticket were inscribed upon his shirt front.

Through long experience, however, Mrs. Dobley had learned to be surprised at nothing in the way of eccentricity which might mark her husband's behavior or attire when he arrived home late. She only raised her eyebrows slightly and swept them questioningly over his makeup, with just a suspicion of amazement in her glance.

Mr. Dobley smiled a trifle apologeti-

"I have been installed to-night," he of the sledge in our new Lenten Hammer club."

"Lenten Ham-," began Mrs. Dobley in surprise.

"That's a fact-I didn't tell you about it, my dear, did I? The fact is, Freshington and myself have had an idea for some time in regard to the forming of a powerful secret society. We felt that, on certain lines, the club might be made a marvelously strong organization in the world of finance and in the social world as well."

Mrs. Debley's eyes again circled over Dobley's disacranged attire and the hieroglyphies upon his shirt bosom, as though trying to connect them with the lofty purpose of the new organization. Following her glance, Mr. Dcbley observed the inscriptions and colored slightly.

"Ah!" he said, "while I was blindfolded I see the boys have given me the symbolic brandings of our society!" "I wonder if it will wash?" said Mrs." Dobley, anxiously. "It is all crinkled and damp."

"That is the result of the siphon baptism," said Dobley, seriously, "one of the most beautiful rites of our order. It was Freshington's idea."

"You seem to be encouraging the wash lists?"

"It is not Chinese," said Dobley. "It is the sign language of our order. Each mark means a link of that will goad him to a frenzy in his brotherhood that we at once recognize. In any quarter of the globe these mystic characters bind the him?" asked Mrs. Dobley. members in loyalty. We considered it

safer and newer than a grip." "And the reversing of your clothes." said Mrs. Dobley; "has that any mys-

tic significance?" "Before the meeting begins," said vests on wrong side out in order to be secure from the intrusion of anyone not in the ranks. It is a simple method but absolutely safe."

"Why did you choose Lent as the time to begin your club?' asked Mrs. Dobley. "It isn't a high church affair. I should judge?"

"The season of Lent," said Dobley, "is the great club-forming season. The sewing circle and the reading club the Browning association flourish; the golf club fever fairly sizzles at the winter resorts. Then neither Freshington gives r man so air of power. So one through megaphones!"

day Freshington said: 'Dob, when | ever happened."

"Has the society any object beyond that of filling a gap in your life and in developing the spirit?" Mr. Freshington's?" asked Mrs. Dob-"The name is somewhat confusing.

"The name," said Dobley, in a myselub in time will become a full-fledged Yogi."

"A Yogi?" exclaimed Mrs. Dobley. "What on earth is a Yogi?"

"Is it possible that you do not know what a Yogi is?" said Dobley, commiseratingly. "A Yogi is a person in whom the spirit is developed to such an extent that he or she-for there are female Yogis-can exercise a wonderful power simply by willing things to come to pass. By the time the members of the Hammer club reach this state we propose to encircle the earth in a system of mind waves-by which we will rule the world practically. In other words we are going to apply theosophic theories ordinary to everyday life; to gradually advance from

Our power will be gigantic, but we will only use it for the good of mankind." "Is there any money in it?" asked

the primer stage to a point where we

can project our minds on currents that

can be directed anywhere-and in this

way we can accomplish what we will.

Mrs. Doblev. "Money is not the main object," said Dobley, "but money must inevitably follow the enormous power which we will have. Our knowledge of coming events, for instance, will give us an insight into the stock market that will be practically invaluable. But this

must only be a side issue. Otherwise we should stop short-we would have limitations. Our spirts would be in OBLEY came in late in the evening the chains. We aim to cultivate the I in a mood of exultant exuberance spirit to its highest point, and to forget our physical selves absolutely." "How do you propose to accom-

plish that?" asked Mrs. Dobley. "Simplest thing in the world," said Mr. Dobley. "First, we give up all animal food to a great extent and live upon fruits and fish."

"It's a good thing you are so fond of boiled lobsters, isn't it?" asked Mrs.

"It gets to be a mere detail," said Dobley. "Food is unnecessary when you reach the Yogi stage. Then this the simplest way. You begin in fivesecond exercises-concentrating the mind on nothing. To do this you at first fix your mind on any small object, pet. This is the first lesson in abstraction. The North American Indians had this down to such a fine point that Dobley, it is a great scheme.' said, "past master and high wielder they could deaden the physical sense they were undergoing torture."

"But I cannot see what the Hammer too?" elub has to do with it," said Mrs. Dobley, "It seems so far removed from "is already a Hammer club and every the occult things you intend to accom- member is past master of the

state. It is the kindergarten in which ers. And they may have mandolin fully realize that each person has some | the only popular tune on these occaof us is free from some animus of some at a meeting of the Widow's Mite sovents the expansion of the spirit. Hu- lem. He was in the back parlor and man nature inherits this peculiar ten- he heard them talk, and he said that dency. The tranquil, calm mind at he had discovered why women were peace with the world, satisfied with better tempered than men as a rule. things and individuals as they are, does | They did all their fighting through

"The Hammer club offers its memmay even use violent language and sledge.-N. Y. Sun. jump on the table-not one word is laundry industry," said Mrs. Dobley, said to discourage him or to cut him "I suppose that is why you employ short. All the corked-up spite which the signs the Chinamen use in their he may have cherished for his lifetime is poured out, and we only interrupt by such expressions as 'Good!' 'That's so!' 'You're right!' or other remarks attack upon his bete noir!"

"Suppose you all don't agree with

"We are brothers, and for the time being we do agree with him. We reaiize that when he has said all he wants to say his spirit will be calm and serene and capable of accomplish-Pobley, "we all put our coats and subject that he has been attacking."

"It seems an odd sort of an idea," said Mrs. Dobley. "I think the spirit would be better if disciplined than al-

lowed to run riot in that way." "Our social lives are a constant discipline in this respect," said Mr. Dobley. "We cannot speak freely on ions, with the exception of poudre the subject of our strongest dislikes because it is no longer admissible to thunder out one's individual opinions. This suppression is simply deadly. become rampant: the cooking class and Bubbling aggressiveness when bottled becomes acidulated. If there were per! more Hammer clubs there would be fewer revolutions and no anarchists; viceroy of Wongho to be boiled in oil, nor myself has ever belonged to a se- the bomb industry would die and all eret society. We felt that something sorts of small spites and petty griev- to be cut into cubes and my grandson was lacking in our lives. We wore no ances that sometimes smolder into to be converted into human mincemystic badge; no ton-weight watch- dangerous flames would be absorbed meat? Why don't I do all this? The charm that identified us with the an- in the air. Talk is one of the safest answer is simple enough. I feel that cient order of anything-why, we had- methods by which to commit crime. I am too much of a Chinese lady!n't even a dinky little button that sig- Yet everyone has this inborn tenden- Cincinnati Enquirer. natical that we were sons of anything. cy to grow morbid, brooding over We nescrit in it, and we agreed that it some particular hobby-that is pergave a man a certain distinction to haps his only. This cuts him off from went these things that he could never all sympathy. Just fancy the battles; that many of the jok-rs will probably get any other way. Even a fire badge the pugilists fight over and over again get gay over the new grave-diggers'

"But there are plenty of people who Lent comes around we will form a do not cherish resentments or harbor great secret society!' Those were the dislikes to the extent you describe," simple words, Mrs. Dobley, in which he said Mrs. Dobley. "Of course, the announced the beginning of what masculine nature has this pugilistic promises to be the greatest thing that tendency. It is what causes many of your sex to gather at prizefights. I do not suppose you would call that

"You women have the same idea," said Dobley, "when you criticise each others' gowns and the minister's sermon and the way somebody wears terious undertone, "is only to con- her hair. It may be the pugilistic that the gentle hircine mascot was ceal the true purpose of the club. It tendency, but it exists. The first noindicates the process through which ticeable motions of a baby are the the members of the club will pass in doubling up of its fists, the wrinkling order to fit themselves for the great of its forehead and a forward lunge work in view. Each member of the that would be called a well-directed jab, if it were executed by a fighter." "Where did you learn that?" asked Mrs. Dobley, with interest.

"I saw that in the editorial column of an evening extra," said Mr. Dob-

ley, "but it is none the less true." "How do you arrange the choice of subjects to be attacked?" said Mrs. riots."

"Not at all, Mrs. Dobley. Each man pet antipathy, from boiled mutton to by horrible agonies. Even their subfling with assenting nods and fre- give hope. As for Billy, why, he bers. He gets warmed up to the and looked demure. subject and it is surprising some of shreds by their antagonists. We ensmash anything he may do so, as long as he pays for it after he is

on horse cars," said Mrs. Dobley, "but one man never allows the other to finish what he has to say. He introduces some knockdown argument ried him on deck for air. that the other man has to reply to before he has finished his first statement. If the Hammer club will do away with this I can see a lasting benefit in its formation."

"The Hammer club," said Mr. Dobley, "will eventually reform the earth. Talk is the safest avenue for such emotions as hatred, spite, revenge, jealousy and kindred feelings. The Hammer club will offer an opportunity to its members to get in a tower- cots at sea are never lost through any ing rage once in awhile and tear up accident or design of eating rare and things all round. People who now go wonderful curiosities, such as nails forgetting the body is accomplished in through life sputtering their irritation in public and in the bosoms of their families will be able to repair to the Hammer club and get in a the story of a goat that ate a whole normal state of mind by saying all box of pills, label, directions and all, a figure in the wall paper or in the car- there is to say on the subject under without the slightest disturbance of the stimulus of concerted approval his interior mechanism. Great is the freely expressed. I tell you, Mrs.

"I suppose," said Mrs. Dobley, of touch and so were able to sing while dreamily, "that it wouldn't be a bad

"Every woman's club," said Dobley, sledge-only they call them sewing "The Hammer club is a preparatory classes and societies of willing workwe are to develop our spirits. It is all bands concealed behind palms and planned out on philisophic lines. We potted plants at the meetings, but pet hatred or grudge for some person, sions is the anvil chorus. Freshinginstitution, custom or nation. Not one | ton got the idea of the Hammer club kind that rankles in our souls and pre- ciety at his sister's house in Hartheir hats under the head of charity."

Saving which, Dobley removed his bers opportunity to unburden them- reversed coat, sending a shower of seives on their pet hatreds. At each champagne corks to the floor that meeting a member is allowed to make had been concealed in the sleeves, a violent attack upon something- which mystic emblems, he explained some condition or political party or to his wife, were a part of the beautisocial state of things. He can get ful ceremony with which he had been up and talk as long as he pleases; he installed as high wielder of the

DIARY OF AN EMPRESS.

A Few Daily Notations Made by the Downger of the Flowery Kingdom.

Monday-Wrote to the viceroy of Wongho to insist upon his declaring war with the French demons. I will teach the bonnet women of Paris to introduce a color that does not suit

my complexion! Tuesday-Wired to the governor of Bang Wang Woo to attack the czar. Hear that the emperor of Russia inment. He will even feel kinder to the augurated a council of peace. As if

Wednesday-Deposed my grandson and upset for the fifth time the Chinese constitution.

Thursday-Ordered everything foreign to be excluded from my domin-

Friday--Telephoned in all directions to proclaim war against the world. I will let them know what it is for an empress to be in a bad tem-

Saturday-Why don't I order the the governor of Bang Wang Woo

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch suggests

A POISON-PROOF GOAT.

Billy, the Mascot of the New York, Swallows Oxalie Acid Without Injury.

The bilge keels of the battleship Massachusetts thrilled with apprehension a few days ago when 30 able seamen appeared at the door of the sick bay with William Terror, chief goat, and announced to Dr. Byrnes dying. There is nothing deeper, tenderer or stronger, says the New York Press, than the affection between a lone goat and the men behind the guns. "What is the matter? What has he done?" inquired the doctor, leading William in by his left horn. The 30 sailors spoke at once: "We had mixed up a pail of oxalic acid and turpentine to clean the guns, sir, and Billy came along and eat it all up." There were quivers in the voices and brine in the eyes. The possibility, Dobley. "I should imagine the meet- nay, the certainty of losing the masing would develop into disorderly cot unmanned the brave fellows. They knew well that oxalic acid is one of the deadliest of poisons. It has prohas his turn. He may take up any duced death in ten minutes, preceded Boer war. Then he is allowed his lime faith in Dr. Byrnes failed to quent applause from the other mem- chewed a trifle harder on his tobacco

"I don't think it will hurt him, boys," the oratory that is put forth in this said Dr. Byrnes, after a hasty examway. Golf, bad cooking, janitors, car ination of the whites of William's conductors, restaurant waiters-all eyes, a glance at his tongue, a look the small pin pricks that make life at his quid, and a count of his pulse a burden sometimes are torn to "You may not know that turpentine is an antidote for oxalic acid poisoncourage profanity, violence, expletive ing. While the acid taken alone and gestures. If a man wants to might relieve us of our old friend, his extraordinary cleverness or luck in taking turpentine with it will save through. Finally he is talked out. him. The one will counteract the He has hardly any feeling left on the other." He took hold of William's horn and danced Signor Capra Hircus "I have often heard men arguing around the bay, first on one end, then on the other, until Billy feigned a perspiration. Then he discharged him as cured, and the 30 happy seamen car-

After three days, when the crew were in easy frames of mind, Commander Kossuth Niles, executive officer of the ship, was transfixed with amazement until his amazement got tired at seeing William Terror walking on board eating a bunch of violets. He says that when the gentle springtime comes the goat will feed on damask roses. As to goats in general, Mr. Niles informs me that mascartridges, sword belts, scabbards, torpedoes, dynamite, etc, but occasionally one is drowned. He relates

A Filipino Tartar.

Lieut. Col. H. H. Sargeant, U. S. A., idea to form a woman's Hammer club, tells many enjoyable war stories. Once when instructing some men he asked: "When you are on the skirmish line, and suddenly encounter the enemy, what would you do?"

"Fall flat." "And what next?" "Stay there."

On another occasion he was questioning a man respecting his absence for six hours.

"I was chasing a Filipino an hour, sir. "How about the other five hours?" "The Filipino and his friends were

chasing me, sir."-Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post. Immaterial to Him. "But," said the old man, when the foreign nobleman expressed a desire

to marry into the family, "you haven't told me which of my daughters you

"Aw, yes, of course," returned the man from abroad. "I aw-" "Perhaps I should say," interrupted the old man, "that my fortune will be

equally divided between them." "Aw, well, in that case." answered the man from abroad as he leisurely puffed a cigarette, "let them draw lots for me."--Chicago Post.

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(894), etc.

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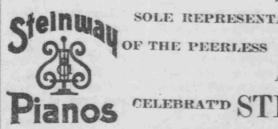
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